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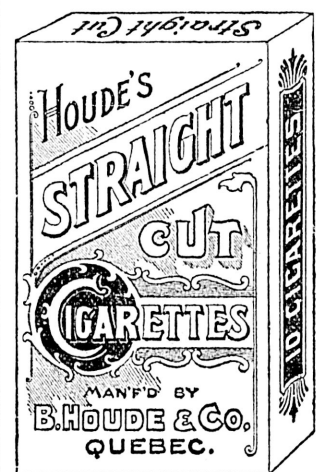
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From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—From all parts of the Dominion offers of service to the Mother Country in her hour of need are reaching the department of militia. Some weeks ago the Ottawa Field Battery which has an efficiency record, volunteered for duty in South Africa and to-day the offer was renewed. Will the government offer a second contingent? is the question which has been on everybody's lips to-day. It was known early in the morning that a meeting of the cabinet was called for this afternoon and it was generally surmised that this all important question would be discussed by the ministers. Public conjecture in this respect was well founded. The ministers present were: Laurier, Scott, Blair, Fielding, Sutherland, Borden, Patterson and Joly. Communications which passed between the two governments early in November including the reply of the home government through Mr. Chamberlain, dated November 7, were carefully considered. The reply reads as follows:

"Your minister's generous offer to send without delay a second contingent for service in South Africa has received the attentive consideration of the secretary for war and military advisers, but they regret that under existing circumstances they are unable to accept it. The offer will, however, certainly be borne in mind and Her Majesty's government will have no hesitation in availing themselves of it should future events make it desirable."

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German Press Comments on
the Situation are Decid-
edly Gloomy.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 16.—Gen. Buller reports to the war office that in yesterday's battle at the Tugela river he lost 1,007 men in killed, wounded and missing. His report gives 82 killed, 607 wounded, and 348 missing.

THE LIST.

London, Dec. 16.—The war office late to-night issued the following list of Gen. Buller's casualties:

Field Artillery—Capt. A. H. Goldie and Lieut. C. B. Scriber.
Dublin Fusiliers—Capt. A. H. Bacon and Lieut. R. C. B. Henry.
Inniskilling Fusiliers—Major J. F. W. Charley and Capt. C. F. Fox.
Medical Corps—Capt. M. L. Hughes.
Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry—Lieut. C. H. Jenkins.
Officers wounded: Devonshire Regiment, five; Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), one; Fifth brigade staff, one; Inniskilling Fusiliers, eight; Border regiment, three; Connaught Rangers, two; Dublin Fusiliers, three; Irish Fusiliers, one; Horse Artillery, one; Field Artillery, five; Medical Corps, one; Mounted Infantry, three; Natal Carbineers, two; South African Light Horse, two. The wounded include Captains J. J. Goodwin, J. F. Radcliffe, H. H. W. Vigors, Hon. St. Leger Jarvis, A. J. Hanker, W. F. Hersey, H. J. Buckley, J. E. B. Reed, Lt. S. L. L. E. R. Brush, H. H. White, Thomas, and Reed, F. A. G. Elton and W. N. C. Greve.

Majors—R. H. G. Heigate, A. W. Gordon and A. A. B. Racinatons.
Colonels—L. G. Brooke Lond, H. Hunt and Lieut. Portbury of Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry.

Officers taken prisoners or missing—Field Artillery, five; Devonshires, three; Sussex, one; Royal Scots Fusiliers, six; Royal Artillery, three.

While Gen. Buller's reverse was an unexpected blow to the public, who had pinned its faith to him, it would appear that the original plan of the campaign, if adhered to, would have given better results, for the besieged towns have shown themselves quite capable of holding out. As it is now, the British forces are split, have been seriously repulsed, and are unable, at any rate for the present, to reach their objective. It was for this plan that the central advance was sacrificed. Even the relief of Ladysmith can scarcely alleviate the consequences of the campaign as a whole, unless its effect is to reinforce the disaffection in Cape Colony and heartens the Boers to a more serious extent than the other minor reverses have so far done, but however looked at, the British position is most unenviable, and there is a great cry for more troops.

Lord Londonderry urges the war office to send 100,000 more men, saying: "Conceive the effect on the Empire if Methuen is forced to surrender."

The St. James's Gazette intimates that the treasury is withholding the funds necessary to send out reinforcements, adding: "If this is so, even Lord Salisbury's reluctance to sacrifice a colleague will not serve to shield a minister who stands between England and the restoration of her damaged superiority in South Africa."

On the other hand, there are many magnificent examples, through public speeches and editorials, of the great common sense and backbone of the nation. There are people who implore England not to make fools of Englishmen, nor to imagine that a few reserves make it necessary to drain the country of every man able to carry arms. The volunteers are greatly worked up, and numbers of applications to serve in regiments from individuals have been received.

The Associated Press learns, however, that Lord Wolsey believes that though these men are excellent for volunteers, they lack the evenness in the ranks and among the officers which marks a line regiment. To mark his own words: "They are brilliant in spots and weak in others," and while he appreciates the offer he sees no way to accept them at present. The action of the National Liberty Federation this in deciding to support a vigorous prosecution of the war, reserving the full right of criticism in the future, while stating that there is much to be deplored in the conduct of the negotiations preceding the hostilities, may be said to vary in the opinions of the bulk of the Liberal party.

to do so. Her Majesty's government attach great importance to this fresh proof of Canadian sympathy and good will and desire to express their grateful appreciation of it."

The ministers hold that the offer of a second contingent is sufficiently explicit and that the home authorities know full well where Canada stands in this matter. It was therefore decided under the circumstances that a renewal of the offer was not necessary. If the report of acceptance by the home government of a second contingent from New South Wales be true then it is reasonably certain Canada will again be called upon.

MANITOBA'S NEW CABINET.

Forecasts of the Members Who Will Be Chosen to Form It.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Latest returns from Dauphin give Burrows, Liberal, about 450 majority. Gimli is much closer. Baldwinson, Conservative, leads by 13 with two polls to hear from. In Conservative circles it is said that Hon. Hugh John Macdonald as attorney-general, with Messrs. R. P. Roblin and J. A. Davidson will form the new Manitoba cabinet. It is also said that the two ministers without portfolios will not seek re-election.

FOREIGN COMMENT.

German Press Opinions on Gen. Buller's Reverse at the Tugela.

London, Dec. 16.—Gen. Buller's reverse was the subject of almost universal comment in the German press to-day. Some papers conclude that the capitulation of Ladysmith will be the result.

The None Frie Presse says: "If the attack was the outcome of a political consideration, there could only have been excitement prevailing among the Afrikaners and the state of public opinion in England."

The Wiener Abendblatt fears these successes will bring the Boers fresh auxiliaries from the Dutch Cape Colonists. The Wiener Abendblatt thinks the consequence of the reverses in South Africa, as far as human judgment can foretell, will be the fall of Ladysmith and Kimberley, the outbreak of an Afrikaner rebellion, and that unless something wonderful happens in the meantime, an improvement can only be secured by reinforcements, which are not expected until January.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The German press and people are jubilant over the news from South Africa, and everywhere in the streets people stop each other and offer congratulations. Among the press comments to-night is that of the Krux Zeitung, which says: "Thus the fighting power of the third column is destroyed, and the campaign against the Boers is disastrously ended. What, however, means more, is that England's decadence, long ago apparent by far-sighted statesmen, has thus become visible before the whole world."

The Vossische Zeitung says the English yesterday met the greatest defeat of the campaign, so productive of disappointments and losses. The Zeitung says: "The second chapter of this war, now also ended, is much worse than the first."

The semi-official post, after making merry of the English pretension in this war, says: "England had better not count on her colonies," citing the New South Wales Lancers as specimens of colonial troops.

The Deutsche Zeitung calls it the beginning of the end, and concludes thus: "We in Germany do not wish England to get off cheap. The more they are humiliated in the war and the more completely their power in South Africa is broken the better for us."

The En Courier says: "The attitude of the English people in view of these hard knocks deserves every praise," and the paper adds that in any case England's position as a world power is secured by her navy.

Buda Pesth, December 16.—The Magyarorszagi, commenting on the British check in South Africa, expresses the warmest sympathy for the British army in its misfortune, and adds: "Every liberal nation in the world would deeply regret if the position of Great Britain, the standard-bearer of civilization, were shaken. Austria-Hungary would surely feel the consequences of any loss of power in England."

NO CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Star's London cable says: "Two days ago your correspondent was officially informed that the Canadian contingent was with the Gordon Highlanders. To-day's cablegrams show that the Gordon Highlanders suffered severely in the Methuen reverse at Magerfontein, but the casualties lists published show no Canadians. The presumption is that the Canadians were not advanced against the Boers' position. The general feeling is that Canada and Australia might best aid Buller by mounted contingents and artillery."

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Sir Charles Tupper and Col. Prior Tell of Promises of Liberals.

Difficulty of Getting Government to Send Contingent to South Africa.

Tarte Trying to Stir up Racial Discord in the Province of Quebec.

Sir Charles Tupper, the veteran leader of the Conservative party, fresh from the latest field of battle, where he assisted in the overthrow of the Greenway government, spent yesterday as the guest of Victoria friends, and in the evening addressed a large meeting in the Victoria theatre. Although the Manitoba campaign was one of the hardest that has been fought in Canada for years, Sir Charles came out of it looking as ready as ever for another campaign. He was about all yesterday morning, meeting friends, and in the afternoon was the guest of Col. Prior and Mr. Earle, the Victoria representatives in the House of Commons, at luncheon at the Union Club. Mr. Earle was unfortunately absent through illness. Besides Sir Charles Tupper there were present Premier Smith, Sir Hilbert Tupper, Col. Prior, Hon. E. Dewdney, H. D. Helmecken, M. P., P. H. Phillips, M. P., G. H. Burns, W. H. Ellis, Capt. W. McPherson, W. C. Ward, Dr. Hamilton, G. A. Keefer, B. Gordon, A. J. C. Galletty, J. Taylor, F. S. Barnard, F. G. Vernon, T. B. Hall, R. Cassidy and F. C. Gamble.

Long before the hour fixed for the opening of the evening meeting, the theatre was comfortably filled, the orchestra entertaining the early arrivals until the rise of the curtain. Mr. H. D. Helmecken, Q. C., M. P., president of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association, occupied the chair, and among those on the platform besides Sir Charles Tupper were Sir Hilbert Tupper, Col. Prior, M. P., Senator Macdonald, A. E. McPhillips, M. P., Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Henry Croft, F. S. Barnard, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Hon. J. H. Turner, L. G. McQuade, Hon. F. G. Vernon, Capt. Chas. Phillips-Walker, R. Cassidy, C. H. Lugin, J. B. McKillop, H. E. Robertson and James Harvey.

Mr. H. D. Helmecken, in opening the meeting, referred to the fact that two years ago he had had the pleasure of introducing Sir Charles Tupper to a Victoria audience. On that occasion there was a representative audience, and he was pleased to see another large gathering present to welcome the Conservative chieftain. It was due to Sir Charles, who had been doing yeoman work, the fruits of which were shown in the Manitoba elections. At the time the terms of confederation were being arranged, British Columbia had no true friend than Sir Charles, then Dr. Tupper, who although upwards of 78 years of age, was still working hard for Canada. In later years with the aid of his son, Sir Hilbert Tupper, the chairman referred to the war in South Africa, and the sending of a Canadian contingent, and submitted to the audience the following resolution, moved by Mr. W. A. Robertson and seconded by Mr. George Levesque:

"Resolved, that this representative meeting of Victoria citizens desires to place on record a renewed expression of their confidence in the justice of the cause for which our soldiers are now fighting in South Africa, and of their loyalty to their Queen and country; and we hereby pledge our support to the Crown in any way that may be necessary to secure the triumph of British arms and the maintenance of freedom and equal rights in all portions of the Empire."

The resolution was carried with cheers and the audience, rising, sang "God Save the Queen."

Mr. Helmecken announced that Mr. Thomas Earle, M. P., was unable to be present on account of illness, and that Col. Prior, M. P., although suffering from a severe cold, would address the audience.

Col. Prior, after the applause with which he was received, had subsided, said that, although suffering from a severe cold, he could not allow an opportunity like the present to pass without taking some part. He realized that the people had not come to hear the local representative, but to hear the greatest statesman in Canada. (Applause.) There might be more silver-tongued orators, but none who had done more for Canada. However, his words and

his past life spoke for the Conservative cause. With the exception of a few in-dignant speeches, it had been a long while since he had the pleasure of speaking to his constituents, and, as was known, at banquets he sat side by side with the enemy, and was expected to deal kindly with them. On the public platform, however, one could speak his mind. It was three and a half years since the Conservative party had been relegated to the cold shades of opposition, having been put there by the machine methods of the Liberals. The people had had time to reflect on the change, and everything tended to show that the vast majority were in favor of seeing the Conservatives back in power.

The longer the Liberals were in power the more did the desire for a change back to the old party become emphasized. The Liberals had made many promises, hardly one of which they had carried out. When they got into power there were to be no more taxes and everything was to be happy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had promised one thing in one part of Canada and directly the opposite at the other end of the Dominion. They said that once they were in power they would expose scandalous operations of the Conservative party. The Conservatives had awaited with confidence these promised exposures and their confidence had not been misplaced, for they had failed to show a single thing that was not for the good of the country. Since the Liberals had assumed the reins of office, the tax had increased by eight million dollars or \$1.25 per head; the expenditure, which Sir Richard Cartwright and others which in opposition had declared to be outrageous, had been increased by eight million dollars in 1899 and the debt which was to be wiped out when they got into office had been increased by six millions. Their own blue books showed all this, so it could not be disputed. Another promise of the Liberals was that the country was to have free trade or as near free trade as possible. They had not only failed to do this, but they had gone to the other extreme and had increased the tariff about 200 years hence. They had certainly made a reduction in the tariff, but there had been a reduction of just seven one-hundredths of one per cent.

The Liberals had also been very energetic in saying that money had been thrown away by the Conservatives on railway subsidies, which they termed "boonies and bounties." The railway subsidies voted by the Liberals amounted to ten millions of dollars, twice the sum that had been voted by the Conservatives. Take the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, for example. The late government made an arrangement whereby the company was to receive a million and a half, while the present government stepped in and gave them over three and a half millions. He would not refer to the Drummond County railway deal and the amount that had been given the company, but would refer to the fact that the Liberals had, or rather had not done for Victoria. They had done nothing for the city unless it was to finish something started by the Conservatives. Not a cent had been spent on the harbor, and even the wharves had been ignored. One of the things done by the Conservatives on the other hand was to give Victoria a post office better than any other city her size in the Dominion had. The proof of the pudding was in the eating, and even the supporters of the Liberal government were ashamed of the hundred. (Applause.)

Col. Prior having taken his seat the chairman introduced Sir Charles Tupper, who, after a short speech, said that a veteran statesman appeared not a year older than when he last visited Victoria although he has since been through several hard fought battles, and his voice still clear could be heard in every part of the theatre. He opened with a compliment to the ladies, who filled the boxes on either side of the stage and in passing remarked that such eminent men as Lord Salisbury and the late Sir John Macdonald were in favor of extending the suffrage to women. He did not intend to go into that question but might remark that the only missing thing that he had was that it would give the ladies an undue advantage as they already controlled many votes. He recited a couple of incidents in his political history where this had proved true and which had convinced him that no party could hope to achieve success without the support of the ladies.

Before going into politics he wished to touch on a question which he hoped would never become a political question. He referred to the sending of a Canadian contingent to South Africa, which he pointed out had only been done after continual urging. The importance of sending that contingent could not be overestimated. It showed to the world that a country opposing Great Britain had not only the British Isles but Canada, Australia and in fact all of Britain's colonies to deal with, for these colonies would go to the aid of the Mother Country wherever and whenever required. (Applause.) When war seemed imminent he had expressed the opinion on the floor of the house that Canada should offer assistance and Col. Hughes, who sat on the opposite side brought to the attention of the government that Queensland had offered to send a contingent. The premier replied by expressing the hope that there would be no war. He (Sir Charles

joined in the hope that war would not be necessary but pointed out that if it was prevented it would be through the combination of the two parties in Great Britain and the offers of the colonies to assist the Mother Country. A gentleman from South Africa expressed pleasure at the tenor of these remarks and asked Sir Charles to again bring the question up in the house. He replied that what was wanted was not the action of one party but the action of the whole house. He continued to press on Sir Wilfrid the necessity of taking action promising him the support of the Conservative party. Finally the Premier did introduce a resolution endorsing the stand taken by the Imperial government and it was seconded by Hon. Mr. Foster, Sir Charles being absent from the house on that day. However, he wrote a letter approving of the resolution and a few days later in addressing an audience of 4,000 people expressed the opinion that the passage of the resolution warranted the government in sending volunteers to South Africa to support British arms. He made this statement to show the government that they could depend on the support of the Conservative party and thus strengthen their hands.

Continuing, Sir Charles said from Ontario he went to New South Wales, and after having heard that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in an interview with a Toronto Globe representative, had said that he would do nothing because he could do nothing under the law and the constitution, that the government could not ignore the question of the sending of a contingent without first securing the consent of parliament. That, of course, was then out of the question, as parliament had adjourned. He read the interview with regret, and considering the question far above party, he wrote a telegram to the Premier, expressing the hope that the government would promptly send volunteers to South Africa, and as the greatest expense would be to care for those who would suffer through the death or wounding of men, offered on behalf of his friends to contribute towards the cost of the contingent, to the extent of \$1,000,000, or \$1,000 for each man. This greatly reduced the responsibility of the government, but it did not have the desired effect, the government not taking a step until they saw that the country demanded it. Then Premier Laurier decided to do what he had said he could not and would not do. Even then he only decided to send units which were to be drafted into the Imperial army. This was a great mistake. He felt that this attitude and proceeding, however, should be in the front, that Canada should lead and not follow, but he would rather that they should follow in preference to taking no action at all. He wrote to Premier Laurier suggesting that the volunteers should be sent as a Canadian contingent. To this he received a reply in which was the question, "Do you want me to be more loyal than the Queen, or wiser than the secretary of state?" However, the Premier again changed his mind and the volunteers went to South Africa as a Canadian contingent under a Canadian officer. When the volunteers were ready to sail Sir Wilfrid Laurier went to Quebec and made a speech which was everything that could be desired, but at the same time Mr. Tarte, the Premier's right-hand man, was holding forth in the city of Quebec, expressing his scorn for the volunteers, and holding up the order-in-council, said he had not allowed it to pass until a clause had been inserted stating that the sending of a contingent should not be taken as a precedent. Mr. Tarte said the government had violated the constitution, and La Patrie, the French-Canadian organ of the government, took the same stand. Premier Laurier had placed himself in a peculiar position, first stating that the money could not be taken without a vote of parliament, and then had taken it. Sir Wilfrid's law was all wrong, the constitution providing that money could be used for an unforeseen emergency, but not for anything that could be foreseen. An attempt had been made by Mr. Tarte and others to stir up a racial feeling for their own advancement, among a people who were thoroughly loyal.

While upon Mr. Tarte's remarkable declaration against taxation without representation on the occasion of the despatch of the Canadian troops for South Africa Sir Charles maintained that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had never made a greater mistake than when he advocated, during a visit to England colonial representation in the Imperial parliament. The judgment of the ripest statesmen and students of British and the judgment of the Imperial Federation League was distinctly against the course suggested by Sir Wilfrid—parliamentary representation as proposed had by these high authorities been declared impracticable, if not impossible; and on one could be found who had gone thoroughly into the question who would be prepared to endorse it as practicable. In the first place it would take a hundred years to get England to look with favor upon the inauguration of such a policy as would enable the outlying portions of the Empire to be represented in parliament; the difficulties of securing equal representation on the basis of population constituted another formidable obstacle, while it was very evident that the day was not far distant when the principle of the representation of the colonies would mean that the colonies of Canada, (Continued on Third Page.)

News From Modder River.

General Methuen Is Making Another Move Against the Boers.

A Reconnaissance Without Loss Unmasks the Enemy's Position.

London, Dec. 17.—Beyond a partial list and a summary of the totals of the casualties in the Tugela River engagement posted at about midnight, the war office professes not to have any news from the seat of war while the censorship evidently blocks other channels of information.

It is estimated that Gen. Buller had under his command nearly 40,000 men, of which cavalry and mounted infantry numbered 7,500 and regular infantry 28,500. The Boers under Joubert strongly entrenched and commanding both fording places of the river are believed to have numbered at least 15,000 men with plenty of artillery well served. The list of killed and wounded telegraphed to the war office so far contains the names of many prominent officers.

Modder River, Dec. 15.—The Ninth Brigade under Col. Polo Carey of the Grenadier Guards and a squadron of the 12th made a reconnaissance this morning, supported by the 75th battery howitzers in the centre and right, with four naval guns on the left. A 4.7 naval gun on the right opened fire at 530 while the Grenadier deployed across the plain and the howitzers shelled the Boer trenches and searched the ridges, the naval guns doing the same. The Boers unmasks two guns, one of which was dismounted by the naval gun and the second of which it was impossible to touch. No one was killed although a shell fell in the middle of four of the Northumberland Regiment, causing all to fall. But when the smoke cleared it was seen that the men were marching as though nothing had happened. All the troops returned to camp. There were no casualties. Gen. Methuen directed the operations from horseback. His wound is almost well. He intends to conduct operations from here to the northward. The camp is fortified and forms an excellent base. Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 16.—The Imperial authorities have telegraphed the governor of New South Wales accepting the offer of a further contingent for South Africa, and suggesting that the men should be mounted and good shots.

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Pretoria, Dec. 16.—Gen. Schuyman reports from Mafeking under date of Wednesday, December 13, that the British attacked a Boer fort. The Boer casualties were one man killed and one wounded. The despatch also says that Commandant Schoemann had a brush with the British on Tuesday, December 12, at the Gleditsia Farm, which the British were bombarding on Wednesday. The condition of Gen. Joubert, who is ill at Volksrust, is improving.

The Transvaal government is employing natives to work the mines, paying them £1 a month and feeding them.

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OF Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to read the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited return the bottle to your Druggist and get the price paid." Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 17TH.

Menu.

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FISH: Olympia oysters on ½ shell; boiled halibut, egg sauce; fried potatoes; tart sauce.

BOILED: Chicken, with corned pork, cream sauce.

ENTREES: Roast of beef, with vegetables; tripe, steamed family style; apple fritters with jelly.

ROASTS: Mashed duck, with dressing; prime ribs of beef; lamb, with mint sauce.

COLD MEATS: Roast ham; beef; mutton; vegetables; Brussels sprouts; green peas; brown and mushed potatoes.

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FEEDING: English plum, hard sauce.

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WANTED—For spot cash, the contents of a well furnished cottage or two-story residence. State lowest price. Address "Mag." Colonist office.

A MIDDLE-AGED MAN would like to buy an interest in some established business where a small capital is required. Address "Business," this office.

TEACHER WANTED: As second assistant in the Kamloops public school. Applications will be received on or before December 20, 1899. Address J. K. Mitchell, Secretary Kamloops School Board.

WANTED: A strong young man, 16 to 20, to work about a wholesale house. Apply in own handwriting to Deaver 625 P.O.

WANTED: Positions for two bandmen of Fifth Regiment C.A. Apply to F. B. Gregory, Lt. Col.

WANTED: Chamber work. Address "M." Colonist office.

WANTED: An office boy. Apply to Dr. O. M. Jones, 83 Fort street.

TENDERS: Be received up to Monday, 18th inst., at the office of Lee & Hunter, 11 Fort street, for the purchase of a two-story building on Pioneer street, at rear of Mr. John Colburn's residence.

WANTED: Agents everywhere to handle our celebrated remedies. Renard Drug Co., 54 National Life Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

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OUR NATIVE HERBS—Wanted, every one to know that this well known Blood Purifier and Liver Regulator can now be obtained in Victoria. Address of agent: Frank Oakden, Dawson Hotel, Yates street.

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by G. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker. He don't charge credit prices. Repairing Depot, 56 Fort street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MISS TELFOR has postponed her weekly social until Tuesday, December 26th, to celebrate the birth of her son, who will be held. Class dance every Friday. Refreshments Monday nights, and private to suit parties.

A. O. F. RALL—Don't forget the Foresters' grand ball, Tuesday, December 19th, given by Court Northern Light and Commanders of the Forest. This will be the Foresters' ball of the season. A good time guaranteed to everybody.

NOTICE: Is hereby given that an application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer to Marion Wait, of Victoria, of my license to sell wines and liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Dallas Hotel, situated on Dallas Road in the City of Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1899. WM. JENSEN.

THE PATRIOTIC CANTATA "Rule Britannia and Her Daughters," by the First Presbyterian Church Choir, on Monday evening, December 18th, at 8 o'clock, in the hall of the church, Blanchard street. Attractive music, local sentiment, splendid costumes and decorations. Admission 25 cents.

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A. HARLOW, Quesnelle Mouth, B. C., Dec. 2, 1899.

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MONDAY'S EXTRA.

The Colonist, when it began the issue of its Monday morning supplement, was under the impression that it would only have to be continued for a few weeks, and therefore made its readers a present of it. As the war bids fair to last much longer than was expected, we feel that our readers should bear some of the expense, and therefore after to-morrow the Monday morning extra will only be delivered to such subscribers as desire it, and a charge of five cents additional weekly will be made for it. As the majority of readers will no doubt desire to continue to receive the extra, it will be delivered as usual to all who do not notify the office or the carrier that they wish it to be discontinued, and persons receiving it will be expected to pay the carrier 25 cents weekly, instead of 20 cents.

CONCERNING HEADLINES.

Some comment has been made on the streets over the heading "Fixed Buller," which appeared in yesterday's Colonist. We admit that it may not have been a happy selection, but probably very few persons appreciate the difficulty of writing headlines. The person doing such work must have in mind several things. His chief idea is to give a synopsis of the news in the article to which the heading applies; but he has also to consider what prominence ought to be given to the article, and then mechanical questions come up. Headings are set in certain specified styles, and regard must be paid to the number of letters that make up a line. Those who think this an easy thing to do should try their hands at writing even one heading, and then they will have some idea of what it means to write upwards of thirty in a night besides attending to other work. We need only add that the member of the Colonist staff who wrote the heading in question, has done that work on the paper for several years, writing in that time perhaps six or eight thousand, and this is the first occasion on which his judgment has caused public criticism.

The writer of headlines often has as a guide better authority than his own estimate of the story dealt with. Thus the news editor of the Colonist had before him yesterday the London Times' conclusion in that, "Since the days of the Indian Mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and Gen. Gatacre's." The Thunderer's phrase that plainly "Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed" perhaps was an inspiration for the shorter headline, "Fixed Buller," intended to convey the idea that the loss of his guns at the moment when their use would probably have crowned with success the operations of an exceedingly trying day, had for the time being put him in a very awkward situation—in a "fix." Thus Gen. Buller himself said, in the despatch appearing under the heading referred to:

"Not wishing to sacrifice life to a gallant attempt to force the passage unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order."

Webster defines "fix" as meaning, "A position of difficulty or embarrassment; predicament; dilemma," so that if one wished to argue the point as to the propriety or otherwise of the headline he would have—in the dictionary, the General's despatch, and the London Times comment—a substantial basis on which to build his argument.

Often a news editor can avoid unnecessarily alarming or depressing an interested community, by exercising censorship on what to him appears unjustifiable comment by the compiler of the press despatches, on the effect of the news transmitted. Yesterday for instance, while for the time being of the impression that the day's mishap had "fixed" the British General, the Colonist's news editor thought himself warranted in excising from the Associated Press despatch the graver comment that "this latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian Mutiny." That was merely the comment of a compiler, who had carelessly used a comparison made by the London Times and Standard with reference not solely to the Buller incident, but to the whole situation in South Africa.

THE WAR.

At this stage it may be well to review the story of the war up to the present time, and then we shall be better able to form a proper estimate of what has been accomplished and the significance to be attached to the checks which our columns have met.

Briefly, then, the war opened with the invasion of Natal, Bechuanaland, and later, of Cape Colony. Many people wondered why the Boers adopted this course, but the wisdom of it has been fully demonstrated. South Africa is a country of magnificent distances and the Boer republics can be best reached from British territory by four lines of railway. One of these is from Capetown and extends up the western border of the republics, two others enter the Free State from the south starting from the coast at Port Elizabeth and New London respectively; the fourth is from Durban

and has two branches, one extending into the Free State and the other into the Transvaal. The object of the Boers was to secure control of these railways. Hence they seized the crossing of the Modder River, thereby taking possession of the line from Capetown, of Colesburg, which dominates the line from Port Elizabeth, and of Stormberg, and block the road from East London. They also moved down and occupied the north branch of the Tugela river thereby commanding the road from Durban. These are the strategic results of the Boer movements during the two months which elapsed between the breaking out of hostilities and the arrival of our forces at the front. Intimately associated with them was the investment of Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith, and especially of the last two points, for this had a potent influence in determining the line of action followed by our forces. If there had not appeared to be need of relieving Kimberley, Gen. Methuen would not have thought it worth while to attempt to force the Boer position at Modder River, and if Ladysmith had not been threatened Gen. Buller might have taken a different course. The movements of the Boers in the first two months of the campaign gave them a great strategic advantage by enabling them to compel our forces to attack them in their chosen position. This attack has been begun and while that of Gen. Methuen was at the first attended with brilliant success, the others met failure at the outset and he also found himself compelled to halt in his advance.

The situation at present may be summed up by saying that our first attempt to force the carefully prepared positions of the enemy in three places has proved unsuccessful, and the war, of success in each case seems to have been due to surprise. Gen. Gatacre marched his men into what he termed "an impossible position." Gen. Methuen was astonished to find the enemy in force in a place where he did not expect them; and Gen. Buller discovered that he, too, had failed to discover accurately the whereabouts of his opponents. Here the matter stands at present.

What this demonstrates is, not that we are not going to conquer in South Africa, but that an enemy, with two months to get ready in and an abundance of modern war material, can so post his forces as to make it impossible for attacking columns to carry his positions by a frontal attack at the first attempt. It is not a pleasant lesson and it has been a costly one.

But this is not the only lesson of the war. One thing it has demonstrated is the superiority of our troops over the enemy as fighters. So far we have set the pace in every encounter, and where we have had half a chance have won. Another thing is that the quality of our troops has not deteriorated and that the regimental officers are worthy of the best traditions of the British army. Another thing is that the arrangements for the transport of soldiers and supplies to the front are all that can be desired. There is a disposition to criticize the generals for being taken by surprise. We have not received Methuen's explanation, but we have those of Gatacre and Buller. Gatacre's misfortune was due to the mistake of a guide, and Buller lost his cannon because of the impetuosity of Col. Long. These things are inseparable from the fortunes of war, and we must put up with them with as good a grace as possible. The situation would present no just cause for anxiety if it were not for the delay in relieving the invested towns, but happily there is as yet no sign that they are in immediate danger.

VICTORIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

A paragraph in yesterday's Colonist mentioned that Flag-Captain Prothero, of the cruiser Doris, had been wounded in South Africa, and that Capt. Prothero is a brother of Mr. Ernest Prothero, of this city. This suggests the fact that many Victorians have a personal interest in what is transpiring in South Africa, quite apart from the fact that our contingent of 26 men are serving with the Canadian Regiment under Methuen. Mr. G. A. Kirk of Turner, Beeton & Co., has two brothers there, one of them being with Methuen. A Victorian, whose name we do not now recall, has a brother who was among the prisoners taken by the Boers after the stampede of the mules. Capt. R. S. Chaplin, of the 10th Hussars, also serving in South Africa, is not a Victorian, but as he was recently married to Miss Maud Dunsinville, his presence at the front is a matter of interest to a large circle here. Doubtless there are many other Victorians who have relatives at the seat of war, and we are sure it would be of very much interest to the public generally to know their names, and to what command they are attached. It does not matter so that they are "soldiers of the Queen." The Colonist will be very much pleased to publish the names of any such, with such particulars as their friends care to have made public. Such things as this show how closely the Empire is welded together.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

The verdict of everyone after hearing Sir Charles Tupper last night was that he is a remarkable man. It is hard to realize that the fresh and vigorous looking gentleman who held the interest and aroused the enthusiasm of the large audience for so long a time last night, is approaching his seventy-ninth year. He has the energy of a man twenty years younger, a memory that is simply marvellous, and a manner of expressing himself that is polite though forceful. His hold upon the confidence of his party and the country grows stronger every day.

In his speech last night Sir Charles

presented clearly and powerfully the views on the issues of the day in the federal arena, which are accepted by the party led by him. It is not necessary to present a resume of them here, for they are fully set out in our report of the meeting. They are not only the views of a party, but of a statesman, who was one of the chief artificers of this Dominion, and who of all men now living in Canada has done most to make our country what it is. As such they would be entitled to and would receive the greatest consideration, apart from the fact that they represent the principles and policy which the people will ratify when next they are appealed to.

The visit of the veteran leader to the province and this city will have an excellent effect. He comes at a particularly favorable time in one respect, because he finds the Liberals a badly divided party, and many of them are ready to transfer their allegiance to the men who stand in our politics for the policy of progress and good government. He will leave the Conservative party here stronger than he found it, and it was already strong enough to carry the province.

We wish Sir Charles a safe and pleasant journey back to Ottawa, and can assure him that he leaves in British Columbia a united and growing party that only awaits the opportunity to retrieve the result of 1896.

THE COMING SESSION.

The Columbian is the only paper supporting the local government that ventures to make any suggestion as to the policy likely to be followed when the legislature meets. Our contemporary has very great doubt, apparently, as to the chances of the present ministry's ability to control the house, but thinks if it is not defeated on a vote of want of confidence early in the session, it will introduce as its first measure a redistribution bill. Such a measure will, it thinks, command a larger vote than any which can be introduced. Redistribution is a hobby with the Columbian, but if there is any indication elsewhere in British Columbia that this ought to be the paramount question of the hour, the newspapers of the province do not disclose it. In fact, except the New Westminster paper the only advocates of any change in this regard are to be found in the press of the Boundary district, and these think that portion of the province entitled to a new member, a claim that perhaps no one will dispute. When the Columbian talks about redistribution the chief idea in its mind is the reduction of the representation of the Island, so that the control of the province may be centred in Vancouver and vicinity. The present government party when in opposition opposed the increase in the representation of Cariboo and Cassiar, as well as advocating the reduction of the Island representation by taking one member away from Esquimalt. No doubt a plan to take one member away from Esquimalt, Cassiar and Cariboo and distribute them where they would do the most good would quite meet the views of the Columbian.

We take issue with our contemporary as to the importance of redistribution. It is not a pressing question. There are others far more urgent. From time to time alterations in the boundaries and numerical representation of constituencies will be made, but temporary inequalities are inevitable in a growing community. Indeed there is no community in the world where they have been avoided. The coming session may easily be devoted to more vital questions. The whole industrial position of the province calls for consideration at the hands of the house. What we hope to see is the present one-man government forced to resign, a new ministry formed, and an adjournment taken for say thirty days, to give the new ministers time to appeal to their constituents and to prepare their measures.

The Columbian expects the government to have a majority of one on a straight vote of want of confidence. This is the utmost it can hope for, but we feel satisfied that it will not be realized. The most active politicians on the opposition side of the house are sanguine of a government defeat by from three to seven votes.

HELPING THE FARMER.

Valuable Work Being Done by the District Institute.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir I am sure it is not overestimating it when I state that since being a member of the farmers' institute, I have gained a good 825 worth of agricultural information, not only by attending the meetings, but through printed matter which has been so kindly supplied to all members through the government, books containing most interesting and valuable agricultural matters.

We have also had some most interesting and profitable meetings, addresses by professional men that we pay for, and have been paying for, for these past years. Where is the other business man that will pay for an article and not get his money's worth?

The farmers' institute is a valuable source of agricultural education, and so cheaply obtained; but just at present the farmer is the one who is the most contented by his absence in the meetings of the institute, although he is the very one who should be most interested in the success of the institute.

The heaviest drawback against which we have to contend is not in the nature of the country or climate or bad government, but in the slowness of the farmers getting together. We don't want to learn anything new, we don't take advantage of the chances that are placed before us. A few there are among us who make an effort to keep abreast of the times, but like angel's visits, they are far between.

If we will only get united like all the other business men of the world, and then if we should want a thing, we will have it; if we need the aid of the government, we can get it.

We have just long enough been ruled by a weaker rank than ourselves; we must get together and commence the new century ruling ourselves. We are living in an age of progress, and why should the farmer lag behind? Surely the farmer that has

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not yet joined the institute is asleep to his own interest.

I would like to give an incident of how a farmers' institute was first started some years ago, not that I think for a minute that we need such a deed in our district. The president placed in one corner of the hall a piano, in another corner a cask of beer. In those days music and beer would draw the men like magnets. The first evening there was a small company; but it was surprising how soon the news got round the district—music and beer! Wet nights, dark nights; they did not care, "Music and beer!" rang to the ear. The fourth night there was a big crowd. The president closed the door on them and called for order, which he got. A gentleman had been invited to speak on the benefit of the farmers' institute. He got up and spoke both long and strong. The farmers quit the music, looked shy at the beer, and the majority of them joined the institute. Now, for conscience sake, don't let it have to come to a matter of "Music and beer" before we can gather and unite together.

I must admit that the 50 cents I spent in joining the institute is the most profitable half dollar I ever speculated. H. T. O.

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Notes From Vancouver.

Fraser Valley Hay Has Taken a Sudden Jump in Price.

Deadman's Island Will Be the Feature of the Civic Campaign.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Fraser river hay has advanced to \$15 on the bank. It will go to \$20. Owing to the Philippine war demand, Colville valley ceased supplying Kootenay. Kootenay turned to the Coast, and caught dealers short. The dealers turned to the farmers, who say that the blight from wet weather was far more disastrous than at first thought. They sold hay early and bought cattle for a big advance. Now they only have enough hay left in most cases to feed cattle.

The Deadman's island agitators have chosen delegates in every ward in the city to attend a convention to be held on Thursday next. Ald. Brown seems to be their choice for mayor, but this afternoon they asked A. H. B. Macgowan to champion their cause. Mr. Macgowan has, however, refused. The labor people are organizing for the battle. At a subsequent meeting of the Deadman's island faction it was decided that without the labor vote a handful of citizens who still remained true to Ludgate could do nothing. The labor people were approached and decided to make Ludgate and labor issue and to defer putting a straight out and out candidate in the field until they heard from Ald. Brown. Delegates were appointed to meet the gentlemen but Ald. Brown refused to bind himself to any demands of the union.

The finance committee are to recommend the council to lay the matter of providing a grant for the Salvation Army rescue home for the new council to consider.

The city assessor, R. H. Cook, reports an increase of buildings of \$1,371,528. In round figures the total assessment of the city is now about sixteen and one quarter millions.

Copies of the city charter are to be printed in Victoria at once, so that the charter will be ready according to the suggestion of the city solicitor for amendments during the coming session of the legislature.

A subscription in aid of the Mansion House fund was opened on the Warrimoo before that steamship left port and \$300 subscribed.

Nominations for officers for the Young Men's Liberal Association have been postponed owing to the many important happenings in the political world to take place next week.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Co. are to push business in Vancouver. J. O. McMullan has been appointed agent for the company who are to establish offices here. To accommodate the trade the Seattle & International will run on a new schedule, making connection with the overland express and for the East by the United States line.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S WORDS.

He Conveys a Nation's Thanks For the Hospital Ship Maine.

London, Dec. 16.—The Duke of Connaught today in presenting the Queen's flag to Lady Randolph Churchill for the hospital ship Maine, said: "In the name of Her Majesty the Queen I present this Union Jack to the hospital ship Maine, as a mark of Her Majesty's appreciation of the generosity of those who have furnished money for the ship, and also as a mark of her appreciation of the charity which a large number of American ladies and gentlemen have shown towards the soldiers of the Queen, speaking their own language, who are now fighting gallantly in South Africa. It is a great pleasure to me to be expected to perform what I believe to be a most unique ceremony. Never before, I believe, has a ship sailed under the combined flag of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and it marks, I hope, an occasion which brings out the feeling of generosity and affection which the two countries have, I hope, for each other. I cannot thank those who have come forward in this manner sufficiently for what they have done. As an officer in the British army I feel I can assure you most deeply for what you have all done, and I am sure the officers and men, who I hope will reap the advantage of this well-found ship, will ever be those who have done so much for them. I would like to mention many names, but I am afraid it is impossible, but I will ask Lady Randolph Churchill to accept, in the names of those who have worked with her, the thanks both of the sovereign of the country and of all English men and women for the splendid hospital ship."

Simultaneously with the Duke of Connaught losing the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes were broken out from the mizzenmast. Before leaving the Maine the Duke of Connaught was presented with a gold maple leaf by Canadian girls.

CHESS MATCH.

Simultaneous Games Played at the Victoria Club Rooms Last Evening.

The first of a series of simultaneous chess games was played at the Victoria Chess Club rooms, Five Sisters' block, last evening. It was the intention to have Mr. T. H. Piper play all comers simultaneously, and Mr. W. C. Chapman had kindly consented to adjudicate upon unfinished games. Being, however, to the former player having suffered a slight accident during the week and feeling in consequence hardly up to simultaneous play, the positions assumed by the above gentlemen were reversed, Mr. Chapman conducting the play and Mr. Piper adjudicating upon the games.

Eight boards were in play, and so energetically did the members of the club conduct their several defenses that after a period of two hours none of the games were concluded. Mr. Piper, with the able assistance of Mr. Robinson, adjudged the positions as they then stood. The following is the score as found by the adjudicators:

Board No. 1, Mr. Gibson—Lost.
Board No. 2, Mr. Elliott—Draw.
Board No. 3, Mr. Garesche—Lost.
Board No. 4, Mr. Perry—Lost.
Board No. 5, Capt. Mitchell—Lost.
Board No. 6, Mr. Gordon Hunter—Draw.
Board No. 7, Major Williams—Draw.
Board No. 8, Mr. Meyers—Draw.
The series, it is expected, will be repeated next Saturday, when Mr. Piper will conduct the play.

LOCAL NEWS.

A Lucky Man—Fred Corrigan won the diamond pin raffled at the Grotto last evening.

Natural History Society.—The above society will hold their regular fortnightly meeting to-morrow evening, when a paper upon "The Honey Bee" will be read by Mr. Robinson, who has devoted much time and careful scientific study upon the natural history, etc., of these industrious and interesting workers. Microscopic slides will be used to illustrate portions of the paper.

Drill Hall Concert.—The concert at the Drill hall last night was most enjoyable, the solos by Miss McNiffe and Miss Lombard being especially well received, the audience insisting upon an encore in each case. Bandmaster Driscoll accompanied both ladies on the violin, while bandman Arnold played Miss McNiffe's accompaniment on the piano and Mrs. Lombard performed the same duty for her daughter. There were only 235 persons present, and it is stated that in consequence of the poor support given to these concerts it has been decided to discontinue them, for the present at least.

In Aid of the Deaf and Dumb.—Much interest has been aroused in respect to the grand concert to be held at the A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday next in aid of the deaf and dumb institute. The talent in the city will take part in the programme, a feature of which will be selections by the Douglas Mandolin Club, and special vocal selections. Brief exercises by the deaf and dumb pupils who have received but brief instruction from Miss Merritt, consisting of reading, writing and repeating the alphabet. Tickets for the entertainment are on sale by Hibben & Co., Victoria Book and Stationery Company, W. Wilby, C. E. Jones, D. Campbell and Hall & Co.

PLEES FOR 15 YEARS.

Mr. Jas. Bowles, Conductor, Enchey, Ont., writes: "For over 15 years I suffered the misery of bleeding, protruding piles. The many remedies I tried all failed. I was advised to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and must say that the first application gave relief, after the third day the bleeding stopped and two boxes cured me completely."

WHAT ITALIANS THINK.

Buller's Reverse Causes a Profound Sensation in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Gen. Buller's reverse produced a profound impression here, where it is regarded as most serious for the military prestige of England. The afternoon papers devote long articles to the subject.

The Avanti says: "It is a terrible disaster for Great Britain, and the chief responsibility falls upon Mr. Chamberlain. The probability is that the final success of the British troops will thereby be considerably diminished."

The Italia is of the opinion that the cause of Imperialism in South Africa has sustained a severe check. The Tribunal says the defeat brings into prominence the weakness of the British artillery.

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CONTINGENT EN ROUTE.

Letter From One of the Victorians With the Canadian Volunteers.

Major Williams yesterday received the following letter from Frank Finch-Smiles, one of the Victorians who volunteered for service in South Africa: Nov. 11, 1899.

SS. Sardinian, off Cape Verde.
My Dear Major Williams: Learning that there is a possibility of sending mail home via Cape Verde Islands, I hasten, amid many difficulties, to scribble a brief note. No. 2 company is in the best of health, and each member joins me in best wishes to you and yours. The remainder of the Victoria contingent is in equally good health and spirits. We shall be glad if you would convey to Col. Gregory and the officers and N. C. officers and men of the Fifth our best regards. We often think of you all and talk of you frequently. Our first few days experienced aboard the "troopship" heaven save the mark was not a very happy one. But we have got into something like order at last, and have nothing very much to complain of—excepting the sleeping accommodations, which in case of A. Co. is very bad. We go to bed packed like sardines in a tin and wake up as from a Turkish bath. We were all very disgusted when we learned that our captain was not to command us. He has shown himself by far the smartest officer in the contingent (no disparagement to the others), and it does seem rather hard lines to be commanded by a man from another regiment, who naturally has more sympathy with his own men than with us poor B. C.'s; not but what Major Arnold is a very kind officer.

Very truly yours,
FRANK FINCH-SMILES.

P.S.—Regard to Foulkes, Vandergucht, Ernest Powell, et al., Sergeant Northcott specially desires me to mention his regards to you.

F. F. RAITT DEAD.

Well Known Victorian Dies Very Suddenly on Chatham Street Last Evening.

F. F. Raitt, a resident of British Columbia for sixteen years, latterly conducting a grocery store at 80 North Park street, dropped dead at 6 o'clock last evening while proceeding with a friend up Chatham street in the direction of his home.

Deceased, who was a man of powerful physique, was apparently in the best of health. He had been transacting some business in the city during the afternoon and was returning to his home at 30 Frederick street in company with Mr. P. McTeigh when the dread summons came. As the two walked along Mr. Raitt complained to Mr. McTeigh of feeling unwell and before the latter could summon assistance, Mr. Raitt put his hands to his chest and dropped to the sidewalk, dying almost instantly.

Dr. Ernest Hall was hastily sent for, but on arriving found medical aid to be of no avail. The body was removed to the morgue, where a post-mortem examination will be held, and an inquest to-morrow.

Deceased was a native of Bathurst, New Brunswick, about 40 years of age. He for a time engaged in ranching on

the Fraser river, but lived in Victoria latterly and always took a keen interest in civic matters. He leaves a wife but no children to mourn his sudden cutting off.

The late Mr. Raitt had just completed a new residence, and only yesterday expressed a determination to offer himself for alderman at the forthcoming municipal elections.

REPORTED WRECKS.

Confirmation of Report That a Bark Was Ashore at Bonilla Point.

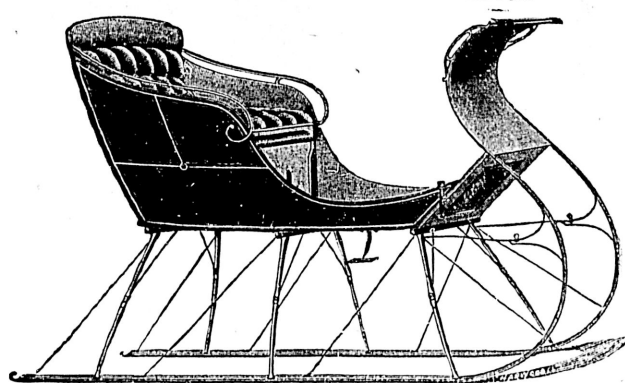
In a letter to the Colonist Mr. W. P. Daykin, lighthouse keeper at Carmanah Point, under date of December 7 says: "I see by the paper that owing to the tugs Sen Leon and Holyoke and others not being able to see anything of the vessel reported from here on November 18 as being ashore at Bonilla, it is looked upon as a false alarm. Therefore I send you the particulars."

"On the morning of the 18th, two of my boys heard some rifle shots. Thinking it was some one signalling to them, they returned towards Bonilla point. On the same rock that the Duchess of Argyll struck they saw a bark, loaded, they say, with redwood, and as there are several redwood boards on the point, I suppose they are right. It was thick fog with light baffling winds, heavy rain and a heavy surf on the beach. When first seen she was lying over considerably, her anchor was down but her stern as she swung caught on the rock, but a big sea struck her and she swung clear and straightened up to her anchor with her head out to sea, but her stern well in the small bay at the Chusapiss waterfall, between and within a few yards of the creeks of the Duchess of Argyll and Puritan. The boys being unable to cross the river to get home, ran down to Klilde, about two miles east of Bonilla, where they could open the wire, and then tapped with the ends of the wire calling me and said there was a vessel on shore at Bonilla. There being no Indians here I telephoned to Clouse to my eldest son to come up at once and bring assistance, which he did. At 11 a.m. the fog cleared when I saw a bark dangerously near Bonilla. She was heading about west, but the wind hauled and she headed on shore. When the boys returned they said it was the bark they had reported, that a breeze sprang up off shore which enabled her to get clear, but they think she slipped her cable. It was a miracle that she ever got clear, especially with the heavy surf running. She seemed a medium sized vessel, rather smart looking, painted black, with double topgallant yards, and I think a skysail."

In the Weekly Colonist of November 20, you say that Carmanah wire worked fairly well until the very hour most needed. This is a mistake. The wire (Victoria and Carmanah) has not worked through since November 16. You also state that in brief wire talk with Carmanah, the operator at Jordan river, just the other side of Otter point, etc., etc. This is also wrong. If there is an operator there I have not heard from him. The papers also state a small fishing schooner is missing, the Myrtle. There is a lot of wreckage on the beach east of Bonilla, which looks as if from a small schooner, also the remains of a skiff or dory, painted white. The stern is broken off."

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Special Music at St. John's
Popular Discourses at Con-
gregational Church.

The church services arranged for today, third Sunday in Advent, are of an unusually interesting character, special services being delivered by many of the local pastors. Rev. T. R. Price, a divine of some note from London, Eng., preaches at St. John's church at the evening service, and there is an interesting musical programme for both services. Discourses of more than ordinary services. Discourses of more than ordinary services. Discourses of more than ordinary services.

Following are the services arranged:
At St. John's church there will be morning prayer at 11 and evening at 7. The preacher at the morning service being the Rev. Rev. Percival Jones, and at the evening service the Rev. T. R. Price, from London, Eng. The musical arrangements are as follows:

MORNING.
Organ—"The Wilderness".....Goss
Hymns 205, 231 and 226.
Organ—"Psalms in G".....Rink

EVENING.
Organ—"Cantus Annum".....Rossini
Hymns 262, 51 and 49.
Organ—"Pastorale in G".....Smart

After evening the third of the series of Advent organ recitals will be given as follows:

Organ Solo—"The March of the Philistines".....Wagner
Soprano Solo—"Consider the Lilies".....Toplin
Miss Edith Carter.

Organ Solo—"The Nightingale Chorus".....Handel
Mr. A. Longfield.
Tenor Solo—"Nearer My God to Thee".....G. J. Burnett
Mr. Cave.

Violin Solo—"Andante Religioso".....Mr. Ernest Powell.
Soprano Solo—"Draw Nigh to Me, Ye Weary".....E. Casser
Miss Russell.

Organ Solo—"The Heavens are Telling".....Haydn
Mr. A. Longfield.

First Congregational church. Services will be held in this church, morning at 11, evening at 7, when Rev. F. Payne, the pastor, will preach. In the morning the subject will be "The Eye," in the evening "Winking."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church—Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B.A., pastor, will preach at both services, morning 11 o'clock, evening 7 o'clock. Sabbath school at 2:30 p.m. Bible class at 3 p.m.; Y. P. S. C. E. meet after the evening service.

St. Barnabas church. The services are holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; matins, 10:30; choir at eucharist, 11; choral evensong, 7 p.m.; the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, being the preacher. The musical portion is as follows:

MORNING.
Voluntary—"Benediction".....Graham
Communion service in G.....Slipper
Hymns 47, 213 and 193.
Voluntary—"Communion in E flat".....Helm

EVENING.
Voluntary—"Ora Pro Nobis".....Pleasant
Hymns 407, 208, and 463.
Voluntary—"Coronation March".....Vernon

Emmanuel Baptist church, Fernwood Road and Chatham street—Rev. J. G. Haslugs, M.A., pastor, 11 a.m. "Representation"; 7 p.m., "What Wildest Thou?" Sunday school at 2:30 p.m.; Y. P. S. C. E. meet after the evening service.

Victoria West Methodist church—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. P. Knox. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m., superintendent, C. Gladling. Bible class teacher, Dr. Lewis Hall.

Universal Brotherhood, 28 Broad street (Williams' blocks)—Public lecture at 8:15 p.m., subject "Impersonality"; afternoon class for children at 2:30 o'clock.

St. James' church—Services at 8 a.m.; matins, ante-communion and sermon, 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 2:30; evensong, with at 2:30 a.m., superintendent, C. Gladling. First Presbyterian church, corner Pandora and Blanchard streets—Rev. Dr. Campbell will accept the pulpit at both services. Junior Endeavor at 11 a.m.; Senior Endeavor at 8 p.m.; congregational prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

People's Mission, 502 Pandora street. Three services will be held as follows: 7 p.m., "Prevalence of crime a sign of the approaching end of the age"; 7 p.m., "Talent Turned Away Backward"; 8:20 p.m., "Social Vice, or Modern Sodom." The named service will begin at the close of the regular services in the other churches. All are invited to attend these services.

THE BANK TRIALS.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—In the court of Queen's Bench this morning Judge Warrington rendered judgment on an application for separate trials in the cases of William West, president; E. Liebenheim, vice-president; and Godfrey Weir and F. W. Smith, directors, of the defunct Banquet Mills Bank, accused of forgery. The application was refused.

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MR. ASQUITH SPEAKS.

He Breathes the Patriotic Feelings of Every True Briton.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord, H. H. Asquith, addressing the Trades Liberal Association at Newcastle this evening, said: "Nothing is more unjust than to try to undermine the confidence of the country in the army and a gallant general on the strength of a single error of judgment or a single reverse. The situation confronting us after reading today's painful news is so serious that it is hardly possible to speak of any other topic. We cannot afford to spend time in unavailing regrets. Stern and more urgent duties are laid upon us; we must not exaggerate the reverses and disasters of today. They may become the victories of tomorrow. At the same time let us not underestimate the gravity of the task before us. The war has developed prophecies which may make it the turning point in the fortunes of the Empire. It has become wider and deeper than the question of maintaining our position in South Africa. It is our title to be known as a world power that is now on trial, and if we fall here the Empire collapses."

"Whether the magnitude of the task we have undertaken ought not to have been seen sooner is a question which will have to be answered hereafter, but now it is clear that our force is inadequate. It is the universal opinion of all parties that whatever accession is needed to give the army irresistible superiority however great the sacrifice involved, the country will readily sanction."

"The nation confidently expects the government to do what is necessary. It is our duty as a nation to be united and calm, and to concentrate all our resources, material and moral, upon a task which we cannot lay down or leave incomplete without doing a blow alike at the honor and safety of our Empire."

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PERSONAL.

G. A. Huff, of Alberni, registered at the Oriental yesterday.

Henry Fry, wife, of Duncan, are guests at the Oriental.

R. Collier returned yesterday from Vancouver.

George Strachan, of Toronto, is a guest at the Driad.

Major Dupont and W. A. Ward returned from the mainland last evening.

H. L. Salmon was a passenger from Vancouver on last night's Charmer.

C. A. Carman, representing McKay, Smith & Co., Vancouver, returned from the West Coast yesterday.

J. D. Graham, gold commissioner for Atlin, arrived from the North yesterday and is at the Driad.

Mrs. and Miss Foot, of Duncan, returned home yesterday, after spending a fortnight with friends.

C. Wurtelle, local agent for the Great Northern Railway Company, returned from the Sound yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hirschel Cohen and daughter left for London yesterday morning via the Great Northern.

Lieut. T. E. Pooley, of the Fifth Regiment, and J. D. Pemberton, C.E., leave tomorrow for England in the hope of securing commissions in the regiments now in or going to South Africa.

Mrs. W. A. Dier, accompanied by Miss Agnes Dier, left for their old home in St. Thomas, Ont., on Friday last to spend Christmas with her sons now attending school at college. After the holidays Miss Dier will attend Molton Ladies college, Toronto.

A party of railway men, consisting of J. A. Clock, representing the Wisconsin Central at Portland, J. A. Nadeau, of Seattle, and A. D. Charlton, of Portland, returned from Vancouver by the Charmer last evening, and are registered at the Driad.

Sad News.—News was received yesterday morning by Mrs. T. W. (Capt.) Robinson, of the death of her father, Benjamin Gammon, at River John, Pictou County, N. S.

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PORT ANGELES RAILWAY.

Ald. MacGregor Will Move on Monday For the Withdrawal of the By-law.

At Monday evening's meeting of the city council Ald. MacGregor will move as follows:

"Whereas a by-law to provide a subsidy for the establishment of a car ferry and passenger steamer service between Victoria and Port Angeles was drafted and laid before the board several months ago, at the requisition of 483 ratepayers, representing considerably more than the required amount of taxable real estate; and whereas a majority of the board have persistently refused to accede to the demand of the said ratepayers to place before them a by-law which, if passed, would insure the establishment of the said service, and have further obstructed its passage in altering and mutilating the measure, thereby rendering its provisions so onerous as to place it beyond the power of the promoters of the scheme to comply with the requirements of the by-law;

"And whereas the promoters of the scheme decline to accept the by-law in its present form, and have expressed a wish to have it withdrawn;

"Be it therefore resolved that this board, having declined to meet the request of the petitioning ratepayers that the said by-law be and the same is hereby withdrawn from further consideration by the board."

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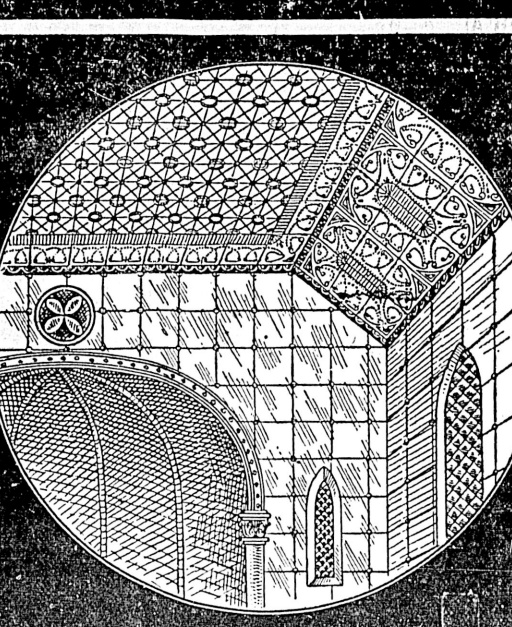
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Arrive Victoria Saturday - - - 11 45 a.m. and 6 25 p.m.
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GEO. GILLESPIE, Manager.

Tenders Wanted.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof with a statement of any securities (if any) held by them, and all parties indebted to the estate to pay

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 16.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

An area of low pressure still covers the Pacific slope, accompanied by cloudy weather and light rainfall. It is not expected that the present conditions will cause a prolonged spell of cold weather. The Northwest Territories the high area is decreasing in energy, though low temperatures are prevailing with generally clear weather.

TEMPERATURES.	Mtn. Max.	Mtn. Min.
Victoria	50	36
New Westminster	48	30
Ramloops	4	6
Barkerville	24	-6
Calgary	14	-8
Winnipeg	6	-4
Portland, Ore.	36	38
San Francisco	46	54

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Sunday:

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate winds; partly cloudy; occasional showers, chiefly at night; not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light winds; partly cloudy, with occasional rain, chiefly at night.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16.	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	31	Mean
Noon	33	Lowest
5 p.m.	32	

The velocity and direction of the wind was as follows:

5 a.m.	Calms.
Noon	6 miles north.
5 p.m.	4 miles north.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer at noon—Corrected—29.790

Corrected—29.796

PASSENGERS.

By steamer *Victorian* from the Sound:

C. Wartle.	W. D. Pope.
H. Wecker.	R. C. Pope.
D. J. Chadwick.	R. C. Pope.
A. Oppenheimer.	R. Pope.
Mrs. J. Allen.	R. Pope.
G. Wright.	R. Pope.
J. D. Graham.	P. Marvin.
H. H. Vickers.	W. Largent.
R. Smith.	T. D. Smith.

By steamer *Charmar* from Vancouver:

Miss Marsh.	G. Hoopers.
G. W. Home.	J. K. Fisher.
W. Watus.	W. J. Jolly.
J. Hoggar.	R. Collier.
H. L. Salmon.	W. J. Kelley.
Miss Doll.	Major Dupont.
W. W. Campbell.	J. A. Clock.
M. Sennys.	J. A. Clock.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer *Victorian* from the Sound:

Berry & Thurnau.	T. N. Hibben & Co.
Prov. Cigar Co.	Hickman T. H. Co.
R. C. Farn. Co.	Cunningham H. Co.
E. G. Prior & Co.	C. C. Hinton & Co.
C. C. Hinton & Co.	R. P. Rittet & Co.
Sunshine M. Co.	L. Goodacre.
W. J. Anderson.	R. Bray.
R. C. Elee. Ry.	Jackson & M.
W. J. Pollard.	Naval Store Officer.
W. E. Van Stone.	J. H. Hathway.
John Russell.	H. Henry Thomas.
W. A. Jameson.	A. McGregor & Son.
Schnaake Mach. W.	Ames H. Co.
R. Porter & Son.	R. C. Joubert & Co.
McKell & Morris.	R. A. Brown & Co.
J. W. Mellor.	Pither & Lelser.
M. R. Smith & Co.	H. T. Stannard.
Herbert Carmichael.	Jay & Co.
Alice Muford.	

By steamer *Charmar* from Vancouver:

B. B. Marvin & Co.	E. Anderson.
G. C. Hinton.	Weller Bros.
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S. Lelser & Co.	G. Evertson.
D. Lindsay.	D. Spencer.
Ames H. & Co.	Chadwick & M.
J. P. Gray & Co.	McDonald Bros.
Lenz & Lelser.	E. J. Salmon.
Tim Kee.	C. R. King.
C. J. Kelly & Co.	K. Maynard.
L. Black.	R. Baker & Son.
J. Y. Griffen & Co.	W. J. Feudary.
G. A. Carleton.	J. J. Joubert & Co.
Barnsman, H. & Co.	On Hing Bros.
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McGregor & Sons.	G. Marsden.
S. J. Pitts.	J. Barnsley & Co.
Clarke & Pearson.	J. W. Kinloch.
Haven & Co.	W. W. Jones.
Hall & Co.	Dillard & Sons.
Saunders & Co.	Desville & Sons.
H. C. Baynor.	J. Renouf.
H. A. Paint Co.	A. Sheret.
Prior & Co.	H. J. Jolleser.
Albion Iron Wks.	E. E. Munro.
P. Norris.	Geo. Clark.
Schroeder Bros.	E. C. Davidson & Co.
Peterson Shoe Co.	Dom. Ex. Co.
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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The result of the civil service examinations held at Victoria resulted in the following being successful: Preliminary—Henry Hartnell, Victoria; David Bayne, R. Ingraham, Fred Dealey, J. Parmiter, Vancouver. Qualifying—George Kirkendall, Ernest B. Blake, Victoria; A. G. Allan, P. H. Cross, Frederick Dealey, William F. Want, Ernest Gildersleeve, W. Cargill and C. A. Morris, Vancouver.

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It is easy to keep well if we would only observe each day a few simple rules of health.

The all important thing is to keep the stomach right and to do this it is not necessary to diet or to follow a set rule or bill of fare. Such pampering simply makes a capricious appetite and a feeling that certain favorite articles of food must be avoided.

Prof. Wischold gives pretty good advice on this subject. He says: "I am 68 years old and have never had a serious illness, and at the same time my life has been largely an indoor one, but I early discovered that the way to keep healthy was to keep a healthy stomach, not by eating bran crackers or dieting of any sort; on the contrary I always eat what my appetite craves, but for the past eight years I have made it a daily practice to take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal and I attribute my robust health for a man of my age to the regular daily use of Stuart's Tablets."

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They are found in every well regulated household from Maine to California and in Great Britain and Australia are rapidly pushing their way into popular favor. All druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, full sized packages at 50 cents and for a weak stomach a fifty cent package will often do fifty dollars' worth of good.

Navigation in

B. C. Waters.

Notices To Shipping Men Issued by the Marine and Fisheries Department.

Queen City From West Coast—Anticipated Rush to Nome—Quadra in Port.

The department of marine and fisheries under date of November 28 has issued a circular notice to mariners regarding navigation in British Columbia waters. The two new lighthouses—on Point Island and on Dryad Point, Campbell Island, respectively—are described, together with hydrographic notes affecting the same. Notice is given of an uncharted rock in Methuacatlah bay and also of the removal and change in color of the Hodgson Reef buoy.

A lighthouse erected by the government on Pointed Island, Fitzhugh sound, east entrance to Llama passage, was put in operation on the 5th instant, latitude north 52 degrees 3 minutes 48 seconds, longitude west 128 degrees 58 minutes and 40 seconds. The light is a fixed white light, elevated 42 feet above high water, and should be visible 12 miles over an arc 214 degrees between the bearings of S. 56 degrees E. (S. 31 degrees E. true) through south and west to N. 22 degrees W. (N. 3 degrees E. true). The illuminating apparatus is dioptric of the seventh order.

A lighthouse, erected by the government on the extremity of Dryad point, (Turn point) Campbell island, northern entrance of Main passage, Seaforth channel, was put in operation on the 7th instant, latitude north 52 degrees 11 minutes 14 seconds, longitude west 128 degrees 8 minutes and 24 seconds. The light is a fixed white light, elevated 291 feet above high water mark, and should be visible eleven miles over an arc 257 degrees, between the bearings E. 63 degrees E. (S. 37 degrees E. true) through south and west to N. 14 degrees E. (N. 43 degrees E. true). The illuminating apparatus is dioptric of the seventh order. The lighthouse is on the point named on the admiralty charts "Turn point." In order to distinguish it from Turn point, Stuart island, on which a lighthouse is already maintained, the geographic board will change its name to Dryad point, commemorating the name of a brig belonging to the Hudson's Bay Co., which was engaged in company with the brig "Lama," in 1833, in carrying materials, etc., for the construction of Fort McLaughlin near the site of the newly existing village of Bella Bella.

The captain of the D. G. S. Quadra reports, in connection with the establishment of the above lighthouse, that Dryad point extends nearly 300 feet east of the shore line shown on admiralty chart No. 101. The islet shown east of the point is not visible in coming from the westward until the extremity of the point bears southward of S. by E. 1/4 E. There is a small rock, awash at extreme low water, 135 feet S. E. by S. from the islet, and another rock, which shows four feet at high water, 200 feet N. W. from the lighthouse. The two-fathom patch, shown on the chart N. E. of Song island, does not exist.

A rock, not marked by kelp, with 1 1/2 fathoms water on it, which will be named "Catch rock," has been located by Capt. Walbran, of the D. G. S. Quadra, in Methuacatlah bay, between Alford reefs and Knight island, latitude north 54 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds, longitude west 130 degrees 29 minutes and 15 seconds. Mariners are advised to enter Methuacatlah bay by the passage west of Alford reefs and Knight island, which is well buoyed, in preference to using the eastern channel. Vessels entering, after passing Devastation island, should bring the middle of the three singular trees (with all lower branches cut away) on Shrub islet to bear N. E. by E., and keep that course until they bring Straith point in one with the middle of the largest Criddle island, bearing S. S. E. They should then alter their course for the fairway between the heacon north of Shrub island and the buoy on Kelp rock.

The buoy maintained on Hodgson reefs, Chatham sound, having broken adrift, has been replaced by a new buoy, which has been moored in 9 1/2 fathoms, northward and westward of the old position of the buoy, kelp having been seen outside the old location, latitude north 54 degrees 22 minutes 20 seconds, longitude west 130 degrees 32 minutes and 10 seconds. The extreme westerly edge of Hodgson reefs is 3 1/2 cables eastward of the buoy, and between the buoy and the reefs is a narrow ledge with 5 1/2 fathoms. Outside the buoy the water deepens rapidly to 20 fathoms. From the buoy in its new position the south tangent of Ryan point bears due east (S. 63 degrees E. true), distant 2 miles 13 cables, and Davies point, Tugwell island, bears S. 41 1/2 degrees east (S. 14 1/2 E. true). As the flood tide sets into Chatham sound from the northward through Dixon entrance, Hodgson reefs buoy has been changed in color from red to black, as it is on the port hand going with the main stream of flood.

All bearings, unless otherwise noted, are magnetic and are given from seaward, miles are nautical miles, heights are above high water, and all depths are at mean low water. Pilots, masters, or others interested are earnestly requested to send information of dangers, changes in aids to navigation, notice of new shoals or channels, errors in publications, or any other facts affecting the navigation of Canadian waters to the chief engineer, department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa, Canada.

THE CAPE NOME EXCITEMENT.

Venturesome Argonauts Already Leaving For the New Northern Gold Fields.

The stamped to the placer diggings at Cape Nome promises to eclipse the famous rush to the Klondike of a few years ago, and already many venturesome spirits are leaving for the great new Northwest in the hope of being able to reach the mines at an earlier date than would be the case were they to wait until direct by the opening of navigation at the 1st of June. As indicative of the immensity of the rush north to the new Eldorado next spring, it may be mentioned that the Sound papers contain pages of advertisements of transportation facilities to the Nome gold fields. While the big rush will of course take place during April, May and June, there will be quite an exodus northwards from the Coast all winter. Seattle reports upwards of a thousand gold-seekers already assembled in that city. The Post-

Intelligencer is responsible for the statement that a number of men are already leaving for the North. The winter route by which these venturesome "early birds" will travel is by steamer from Coast cities to Skagway, where the White Pass & Yukon road furnishes transportation to Bennett. The journey from Bennett to Dawson is made over the government mail trail along the Yukon, which will be kept open all winter. A majority of those going at this early season intend wintering in the Klondike capital, where reports say there is a scarcity of labor on account of the exodus to Nome. They intend to work for wages there until the latter part of April and then go down the Yukon to Nulato. The boats are expected to arrive at this place no later than May 10. From Nulato it will be necessary to make an overland journey in a north-westerly direction to salt water, a distance of about 100 miles, then follow an ice and land route a further distance of 125 miles to Nome. The Canadian Development Company announce the completion of their line of road-houses from Lake Bennett to Nome City and together with the White Pass & Yukon road are industriously circulating printed matter descriptive of the route.

QUEEN CITY IN.

After a Pleasant and Successful Voyage To West Coast Ports.

The steamer *Queen City* arrived from West Coast ports yesterday afternoon with a good passenger list and lightly laden with freight. The *Queen City* had a splendid trip, good weather being experienced both going and coming. The weather on the coast was beginning to assume a decidedly wintry appearance, Alberta being under a mantle of white. The schooner *Vera* was spoken going into Clayquot. The following passengers came down by the *Queen City*: C. Frank, H. Burnett, A. Engvik, O. C. Matherson, J. J. McKay, C. A. Karman, Geo. Brown, T. Stacholm, Capt. McKel, G. A. Huo, F. T. Child, J. Baird, F. Merton, A. Vandon and A. E. Bly. The *Queen City* will sail again on the 20th inst.

THE QUADRA IN PORT.

Back from a Cruise to West Coast Lighthouses.

Dominion government steamer *Quadra* is back from a cruise to West Coast lighthouses, after a very stormy trip. The *Quadra* reports that Thomas Daykin, keeper of the Carmichael Point light, had a narrow escape from drowning while attempting to remove a quantity of goods from the wrecked barkentine *Uncle John*. Mr. Daykin's small boat was swamped by the wreckers and he was thrown into the sea, but he managed to get ashore safely. The *Uncle John* is still visible to passing vessels, but her hull has broken in two.

COOS BAY BLOCKED.

Harbor Entrance Barred by a Bar in Consequence of Recent Storms.

Local shipping men will be interested in learning that Coos Bay harbor, Or., is blocked by a new bar, formed as a result of the big southeaster which prevailed during the month of November. The bar has shoaled so that a number of steamers and ships there cannot get out. Recent reports say there are two new channels through the bar, but neither of them is deep enough to carry the coastwise craft now in the harbor.

SEALERS DEPART.

A Number of the Local Fleet Have Sailed for Southern Waters.

It is expected that the increased prices received for skins at the December sales held in London on Friday last, and noted in the *Colonist* yesterday, will have a stimulating effect on the sealing industry. Four more of the local fleet sailed yesterday on the cruise to southern waters, the *Vera*, Carlotta G. Cox, Umbrina and Ocean Belle. The *Teresa*, Capt. Myers, and the *Sadie Turpel*, Capt. McDougall, will sail early in the week.

MARINE NOTES.

The Halibut Fleet—Energia for the Orient—Salmon Ships Away.

The salmon ship *Killarney* tows to sea to-morrow. Steamer *Princess Louise* arrived at midnight from New Westminster. Barkentine *Northwest*, with a cargo of props for Santa Rosalia, sailed yesterday.

Steamer *City of London* sailed from Yokohama on the 9th instant for this port. Steamer *Danube* is due from Skagway and Northern British Columbia ports to-morrow.

Schooner *Fred J. Woods* is loading a cargo of props at Esquimalt for Santa Rosalia.

The steamer *Glenogle* is expected to sail from the Sound for Oriental ports next week.

The salmon-laden *Coriolanus* sailed yesterday on her long voyage to the United Kingdom.

The British ship *Achnashire*, bound to Victoria from Liverpool was spoken on October 27 in latitude 4 north, 15 west. Steamer *Energia*, with a full cargo, principally flour and cotton, valued at \$203,434, has sailed from Tacoma for Oriental ports.

The steamer *New England* which has been engaged in halibut fishing, has arrived at Vancouver with 90,000 pounds of fish. When the *New England* left the grounds the Thistle, also engaged in halibut fishing, was about to sail for home and will probably arrive to-morrow.

FOUL BREATH FROM CATARRH

Tells of the Decay of the Mucous Lining of the Nose and Throat.

No symptom of catarrh causes more annoyance than foul breath. This offensive odor comes from the ulceration of the membranes and is an indication of the decay which is taking place in the linings of the nose and throat. To the victim of catarrh as well as to his associates this foulness of the breath is disgusting.

To counteract bad breath and to eradicate catarrh from the system no treatment is more essential than Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, the only remedy that can be relied upon to entirely cure chronic catarrh.

Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is sent direct to the diseased parts by the improved blower which accompanies each box, heats the mucus, clears the air passages, relieves the decay which causes foul breath, and absolutely cures catarrh and prevents consumption. 25c. a box, blower free, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Christmas 1899



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